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PLEASANT HILL CHURCH, Oct. 5th, 1850.

At 11 o'clock A. M., the congregation assembled at the stand, and were addressed by Elder L. P. Murrell, who delivered the Introductory Sermon founded upon the 7 vs. 1 chap. Ephesians—*"In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace."*

The delegates from the churches then convened in the church house. The Moderator, Elder Wm. Denson being absent, on motion Elder N. L. Clark was appointed Moderator pro tem.

Business was introduced by praise and prayer.

Brethren A. Goss and Ira Townsend were appointed to preach at the stand.

Brethren Wm. R. Butler and T. M. Pettay were appointed to read the letters.

Brethren Wm. L. McIntosh chairman, I. Bailiff and S. H. Curry were appointed financial committee.

Letters were received and read from twenty churches; delegates names enrolled and general statistics minuted. (See table of Churches.)

Brother A. Eastland acted as Teller and the delegates proceeded to elect by ballot a Moderator and Clerk. Elder N. L. Clark was elected Moderator and Elder J. M. Chambers Clerk.

The Moderator upon taking his seat presented some appropriate remarks.

The Rules of Decorum were read, and visiting brethren invited to seats.

An opportunity was given for the admission of new churches, and the following being found orthodox and orderly were admitted in due form, viz: Hopewell, Scott county, Poplar Springs and Pine Ridge Newton county.

ON PREACHING—L. P. Murrell chairman, T. M. Pettay, H. Dunn, Thomas Davis, and D. Miley.

Received correspondence as follows:

LOUISVILLE FRIENDSHIP association letter and minutes.

HARMONY association organized since our last session out of a portion of our territory presented a petition requesting a correspondence, was received and agreed to return the same. Elders Ira Townsend and P. F. Morehead messengers.

EBENEZER, Elder J. P. Martin and Brother A. P. Robertson, letter and minutes.

CHOCTAW, CENTRAL, and PEARL RIVER, no correspondence received.

LIBERTY, Elder R. Y. Rasberry and Robert Brown Messengers, letter and minutes.

The committee on preaching reported that the following brethren preach on Lord's day in the order of their names, P. F. Morehead, A. Goss, J. P. Martin, and J. M. Chambers to conclude the services.

Arranged correspondence with sister Associations as follows:

To HARMONY, Elder J. M. Chambers and B. Land messengers.

To LIBERTY, Elders N. L. Clark and E. L. Carter messengers.

To EBENEZER, Elders James Merchant and John H. Butler, messengers.

To PEARL RIVER, Elders J. G. H. Baugh and L. P. Murrell, messengers.

In consequence of the distance it was agreed to discontinue correspondence with the Central, Louisville Friendship, and Choctaw associations.

Brothers Wm. R. Butler chairman, Wm. L. McIntosh and F. S. Smith were appointed a committee to write letters to sister associations.

ON ARRANGING BUSINESS, James Merchant chairman, E. Kennedy, M. C. Thomas, with Moderator and Clerk.

On State of Religion, J. M. Chambers, chairman, J. G. H. Baugh and E. L. Carter.

On Petitions and Requests, L. P. Murrell, chairman, J. Mallory and D. Miley.

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Special Committee to district the Association, W. H. Hatsel,
chairman, H. Dunn, Thomas Davis and S. F. M. Elliott.

Special Committee to revise Abstract of Faith and Gospel
Order, N. L. Clarke, ch'n, J. M. Chambers and Jas. Merchant.

Resolved, That Bro. A. Goss be requested to deliver a Mis-
sionary Sermon on to-morrow, and that a public collection be
taken up to be divided equally for Association and Missionary
purposes.

The Board of Domestic Missions presented a report, which
was read and laid on the table till 10 o'clock Monday, A. M.

Resolved, That we adjourn to Monday, 9 o'clock, A. M.—
Prayer by Bro. J. P. Martin, and the Association adjourned.

LORD'S DAY.

October 6th.

On this day, the Brethren appointed to preach, exhibited the
word faithfully to a large congregation. After the Missionary
Sermon, delivered by Bro. Goss, a very liberal collection was
received, amounting to thirty-five dollars and fifteen cents, for
Association and Home Missionary purposes.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, Oct. 7th.

The Association convened. Prayer by Bro. Murrell. The
roll of delegates called, and rules of decorum read.

The committee on the order of business made a report, and
was adopted.

The Clerk presented the names of fifteen Churches, to whom
letters of dismission had been granted by him since last session,
to join the new Association, to wit: Liberty, Mill Creek, Mount
Pisgah, Bethlehem, New Hope, Jerusalem, Bethesda, Harmony,
Fellowship, Mt. Sinai, Carthage, and Doak's Creek.

The Committee to write letters of correspondence to Sister
Associations reported, and letters approved.

The report of the Board of Missions called from the table,
read and adopted. [See appendix A.]

The Committee on the state of Religion reported, read and adopted. [See appendix B.]

The Committee to District the Association reported and adopted. [See table of Churches.]

The Committee to nominate Missionary Board for ensuing year, reported and was adopted. [See appendix C.]

The Committee on Petitions and Requests, reported and adopted. [See appendix D.]

The Committee on revising the Abstract of Faith and Gospel Order made a report and the same was adopted. [See Abstract of Faith and Gospel Order.]

Bro. Iverson Mallory was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

Bro. R. T. Gatewood was appointed to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Bro. J. G. H. Baugh his alternate.

Resolved, That the privilege be granted to the Mt. Pisgah Bible Society to append her proceedings to these minutes. The Society paying expenses thereof.

The Financial Committee made a report, read, received and adopted. [See appendix F.]

Resolved, That we have recess of fifteen minutes to arrange Union Meetings.

1st District, the Union Meeting to be held with Union Church, on Friday before the 5th Lord's day in December.

2d District, with Pinckney Church, on Friday before 5th Lord's day in March, 1851.

3d District, with Leaf River Church, on Friday before the 5th Lord's day in June, 1851.

4th District, with Line Creek Church, on Friday before the 5th Lord's day in August, 1851, at which times and places the Missionary Board will meet.

Resolved. That the next Session of this Association be held with the Camp Ground Church, Neshoba County, about 10 miles North of Mucalusha, on Saturday before the 1st Lord's day in October, 1851.

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Proceeded to the transaction of Missionary affairs.

Resolved, That Bro. N. L. Clarke be appointed to travel as Missionary for one half his time, to preach the Gospel to the destitute, and that he be allowed the sum of one dollar and fifty cents per day, whilst actually engaged. The service on Lord's day not to be considered.

Bro. Clarke accepted the appointment.

The Association united in a hymn and extended to him the right hand of fellowship as her Missionary. Bro. J. M. Chambers led in prayer for the divine blessing to attend his labors. During the whole time much feeling was manifested, both by Bro. Clarke and the Association.

Resolved, That the Clerk prepare these Minutes for the press, and distribute a sufficient number thereof to the Churches, and receive fifteen dollars for his services.

Resolved, That the usual vote of thanks be respectfully tendered to this Church and vicinity for their liberality in sustaining the congregation.

Resolved, That we now adjourn. The Minutes were read and approved. The delegates united in singing, extended to each other cordially, their hands, in token of Christian love, Bro. P. Martin led in prayer and the Association adjourned.

N. L. CLARKE, Moderator.

J. M. CHAMBERS, Clerk.

NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Thomas Willingham, Brandon,	Wm. H. Hatsell, Pensacola,
R. T. Gatewood, Hillsboro,	N L Clarke, Decatur,
L. P. Murrel	E L Carter
J. M. Chambers	James Merchant, Raleigh,
I. Mallory	J G H Baugh, Polkville
S. F. Wall	(11)

LICENTIATES.

Wm. R. Butler, Hillsboro,	Moses C. Thomas, Hillsboro,
L. Crosby	John H. Butler,
Wiley White, Ludlow,	Edward Beall
D. Miley, Polkville.	(8) Wm. A. Hutson, Greenbush,

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.

Report of Missionary Board to Mount Pisgah Association.

Beloved Brethren:—Since your last annual meeting, a new Association has been formed, in December last, out of a part of the Churches composing your body.

Bro. Thomas K. Green, your Treasurer, went into said organization, consequently, a vacancy occurred in the Treasurer's Office. We received from him the sum of seventy-three dollars and nine cents, balance of Association fund, and the sum of fifty-two dollars and fifty-three cents, balance of Missionary fund. He presented his account current, as Treasurer, which was correct and received by us. We appointed bro. I. Mallory to fill his vacancy. Several vacancies also occurred in the Missionary Board and were properly filled. We are pleased to inform you that the meetings of the Board have been held according to our appointment. Your Missionary, Elder N. L. Clarke, has been actively engaged in your service, during the past year.—His labors have been bestowed, principally, in destitute places, and abundantly blessed by the Great Head of the Church.

His quarterly reports have each been very interesting and encouraging.

By reference to his reports, we learn that he has labored 148 days in your service, delivered 158 sermons, baptised, as Missionary, 61 persons, received 19 by letter, constituted 2 churches,

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ordained 3 Deacons, supplied 6 churches, all or a part of the time, as Missionary, delivered many exhortations and discourses at the water side, visited many families for religious conversation, and distributed religious works and tracts, travelled 2,310 miles.

Destitution prevails to a considerable extent in your bounds, and the field for missionary labors are inviting.

In view of our duty as Christians, in obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, "to preach the Gospel to every creature," and of the destitution that still prevails, we recommend that you continue a missionary in the field for another year,

Respectfully submitted,

L. P. MURREL, Chairman.

J. M. Chambers, *Secretary*.

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(APPENDIX. B.)

Report of Committee on the State of Religion.

Your Committee have examined the letters from the different churches to the Association, and have been gratified to learn that peace, harmony, and brotherly love prevails throughout the churches—that many of your churches have enjoyed extensive revivals of religion—that many sinners have been converted to God, and to rejoice in the hope of the Gospel; all of which is truly encouraging to the Christian, and should lead us humbly to adore God for his goodness and mercies.

Your Committee would recommend to the members of the different churches to cultivate all the graces of the Christian character, to pray with and for each other and for the prosperity of the Redeemer's cause throughout the world. That vital Godliness may more thoroughly abound in each member, and that they may be engaged in every good word and work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. CHAMBERS, Chairman.

(APPENDIX C.)

Missionary Board.

L P Murrel, Ch'n. J M Chambers, Sec'y. I Mallory, Treas.

1st District.

J H Butler, Hillsboro,
S H Curry, Pulaski,
S F Wall, Polkville,

2nd District.

E Kennedy, Decatur,
J Bailiff, "
J M Pace "

3rd District.

Wm L McIntosh, Garlandville,
Wm Taylor, Decatur,
S F M Elliott, Pineville,

4th District.

James Merchant, Raleigh,
J G H Baugh, Polkville,
Wm A Butson, Greenbush.

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[APPENDIX D.]

Report of Committee on Petitions and Requests.

Your Committee would offer the following report:

1st, That the request from Mt. Vernon church, for a Union Meeting, be referred to the delegates from that District, and that in answer to the request for ministerial aid in settling a difficulty, the church or churches, be advised to make further effort for the adjustment of the matter in question, and to settle it, if possible, without the aid from the Association.

2d, That the requests from Bethel and Camp Ground churches, for the next annual meeting of the Association, be decided according to the number of the districts that may belong to respectively.

L. P. MURREL, Chairman.

Abstract of Faith and Gospel Order as Amended at this Session.

PREAMBLE.

We, the Churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptised upon a profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith, form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

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2 We believe the Scriptures of Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3 We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him all his posterity; in consequence of which we inherit a fallen and depraved nature. Consequently, the Scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of the human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4 We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love; that he chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that he calleth them with an holy and effectual calling, and being justified alone, through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, are kept by the power of God, through faith unto Salvation.

5 We believe there is one mediator between God and men—the man Christ Jesus, who by the satisfaction he made to the law and justice in becoming an offering for sin, hath by his most precious blood, become the end of the law for righteousness, to every one that believeth.

6 We believe the gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth, that he has commanded it to be preached to every creature, and require all men to repent, believe and obey.

7 We believe that the Gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved, must be born again.

8 We believe that good works are the fruits of faith and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God, from a principle of love.

9 We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgement, that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

GOSPEL ORDER AS AMENDED

1 We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons, who have given themselves to the Lord and to one another in brotherly covenant, to keep up a Godly discipline agreeably to the rules of the New Testament.

2 We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Law-giver of his church; that the government is with the body, the church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3 We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until his second coming.

4 We believe that the ordinances of baptism, and the Lord's Supper, are properly administered only by ministers called of God, and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery of regular Baptist ministers.

5 We believe that immersion, only, is baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6 We believe that none but regularly baptised church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7 We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to the ordinances of the Gospel, and give themselves as members to the visible church.

8 We believe it to be the duty of every church, to expel from her communion, every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

[APPENDIX E.]

Treasurer's Report, and Report of the Financial Committee.

I Mallory in account with Mt Pisgah Association—Associational purposes.

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MISSIONARY FUND.

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Dec'r 29; To cash received from R T Green former		
Treasurer, through Board		\$52 63
" 31, To cash received from Zion Church		20 00
March 31, 1850, To cash rec'd at Rocky creek, pub. col.		11 40
June 29, " To cash rec'd from Pleasant Hill, Newton		13 90
" 29, " To am't public collection at Raleigh		23 20
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1849,	Dr	
Dec'r 31, By cash paid N L Clarke, Missionary, at		
different times, per orders of Mis. Board		\$118 50

Balance on hand \$2 52

I. MALLORY, Acting Treas. Mt. P. A.

We, the Committee on Finance, have examined the account of the Treasurer, and the vouchers thereof, and find the same correct. We have received at this session, for Association purposes, from churches

Public collection on Lord's day

Rec'd for Missionary purposes from churches	\$117 90
From public collection on Lord's day	17 57½
From sister Jane Thames	5 00

\$39 27½

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Respectfully submitted,

WM. L. McINTOSH, Chairman,

Proceedings of the annual meeting of the Mount Pisgah Bible Society, held with Pleasant Hill Church, Newton County on the 4th and 7th of October A. D. 1850.

After an appropriate annual sermon, delivered by Elder N. L. Clarke, founded upon 1st clause 130th vs. 119th Psalm—"The entrance of thy words giveth light"—the President, L. P. Murrel, called the Society to order, and introduced the business by prayer. Visiting brethren were invited to seats.

The annual report of the Board of Managers was not ready, to be presented.

The Depository Agent read his account current.

On motion, a Committee of three, consisting of Brethren N. L. Clarke, J. M. Chambers, and Wm. R. Butler, were appointed to present some plan by which Bibles and Testaments could be more thoroughly distributed in our bounds, to report during this meeting.

A number of brethren then became members of the Society for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That we adjourn to Monday, 8 o'clock, A. M.

L. P. MURREL, President.

J. M. CHAMBERS, Secretary.

MONDAY, 8½ o'clock, A. M.

The Society met; prayer by Bro. A. Goss. The annual report of the Board of Managers, was presented, read and adopted.

The Special Committee on Bible distribution presented their report, and was adopted.

Resolved, That this Society invite the co-operation of sister Associations, Churches and Brethren, to unite with us in our work of circulating the Holy Scriptures.

Many other brethren enrolled their names as members of the Society, and the Society then proceeded to elect officers and managers for the ensuing year.

Elder L. P. Murrel was elected President, J. M. Chambers Secretary and Depository Agent. Managers, Elder I. Mallory,

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Elder J. M. Chambers was appointed to preach the next annual Sermon and Elder L. P. Murrell his alternate.

Resolved, That we request from the association the privilege of appending our proceeding to their minutes.

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet on Friday before the 1st Lord's day in October 1851, with Camp Ground Church Neshoba County.

L. P. MURREL, President.

J. M. CHAMBERS, Sec'y.

REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Your board would respectfully submit their report. Your Depository agent has been engaged the past year in carrying out the objects of your body.

Agreeable to his report to us he has whenever an opportunity was afforded circulated the Scriptures, and engaged others to do so.

In this department of christian duty we are much encouraged and from the success that has attended Bible operations in our own society, and in similar institutions, we should renew our energy in the good cause and continue to pray the divine blessing to attend his revealed will.

The Bible is a great blessing to us as a people and without its influence and the light thereof we should recede from our enlightened position. How great would be the darkness? Let us not falter by the way, but continue to cast our bread upon the waters, that it may be gathered many days hence. That every family in the land may have a copy of the sacred truth.

You are referred to the account current of your Depository agent for any further particulars.

L. P. MURREL, Chairman.

Report of Special Committee on Bible Distribution.

Your committee having had the matter referred to them under consideration, and in view of its importance would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That it is highly expedient that this Society adopt a more efficient method of circulating the Scriptures.

2d. *Resolved*, That in order to accomplish this, the Depository agent be recommended to select suitable persons in different parts of our field of labor to superintend the circulation of the Scriptures and report the same to him, and that the different Churches and brethren be requested to interest themselves in this glorious work.

N. L. CLARKE, Chr'n.

J. M. Chambers Agent and Treasurer account current with the Mount Pisgah Bible Society from October 1st 1849 to October 3d 1850.

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October 1st,	To cash on hand as, per report,	\$10 60
" 7th,	To cash received from members,	15 00
Oct. 3, 1850,	To cash received from sales Bibles,	176 45
" "	To am't due from sundry persons,	42 00
" "	To am't Bibles & Testament give away	57 59
" "	To am't Bibles and Testaments on hand rated at selling prices,	69 10
		<u>\$363 72</u>

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October 20th,	By Bibles & Testaments purchased	\$171 16
Nov'r 15th,	By cash paid expenses on same,	12 00
	By cash paid for printing,	5 00
Oct. 3, 1850,	By am't due by others	35 00
" "	By am't Bibles & Testaments given away	57 57
" "	By am't on hand in depository.	69 10
		<u>\$349 83</u>
	Cash on hand,	\$13 89

J. M. CHAMBERS, Agent

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Table of Churches showing their Statistics, October 5th, 1850.

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Churches.	Counties.	Delegates.	Post Office.	Baptized.	Restored.	Received by Letter.		Dismissed by Letter.		Excluded.	Dead.	Total number.	Number of Minutes.	Contributions.		Time of Meeting.	No. of Minutes.	REMARKS.
														Associat'n.	Mission'ry.			
1st District.	Hillsboro	Scott	J M CHAMBERS W R BUTLER	24	00	9	10	1	00	63	30	5 00	10 40	4	3	J M Chambers, P		
	Friendship	Leake	Wm H HATSEL	2	00	5	1	00	00	18	12	3 00		2	3	Wm H Hattel, P		
	Pleasant Hill	Newton	L P MURREL, R J Small	19	00	4	13	00	00	69	30	6 00		1	1	L P Murrell, P		
	Union	Scott	M C Thomas, H Dunn	13	2	5	1	2	00	55	30	5 00	11 27	2	2	L P Murrell, S		
	Sulph'r Springs	"	T M Pettey, W Brewer	3	00	00	5	00	00	33	15	2 50	3 05	2		R T Gatewood, S		
	New Prospect	"	S H Currey	00	00	4	2	00	1	36	20	4 00	5 00	1	1	J M Chambers, S		
	Camp Ground	Neshoba	B Land, W R Greer	11	00	5	4	7	1	87	60	6 00		1		T J Hand, S		
	Enon	Newton	N L CLARKE, J Bailiff	2	00	5	16	2	1	29	25	4 00	7 00	1	1	N L Clarke, P		
	Pinckney	"	E Kennedy, B B Martin	4	2	4	2	00	00	59	30	5 00		4		L P Murrell, S		
	Rocky Creek	"	J Hester, D Killen	18	00	8	9	00	2	63	35	5 00		3		N L Clarke, S		
	Zion	Kemper	R Gibbons, B B Windham	12	1	3	6	1	1	57	30	5 00		2		Missionary.		
	Poplar Springs	Newton	E L CARTER, T B Wells	6						22	20	2 50	2 55	2	2	E L Carter, P		
	Bethel	"	T Davis, W L McIntosh	3	1	2	8	1	00	47	25	5 00	5 50	3		L P Murrell, S		
	Mt. Vernon	"	W J West	5	00	6	22	2	00	55	20	2 00	6 00	1		Ry. Rashberry, S		
	Pine Ridge	"	W W Taylor, D Fore	6						27	15	2 00	3 25	4		Missionary.		
	Hopewell	Scott	J MALLORY, James Jones	8						27	15	2 00	9 00	4	1	Missionary.		
	Leaf River	Smith	S F M Elliott, J E Myers	21	1	8	1	00	1	46	25	3 00	12 00	4		Missionary.		
	Raleigh	"	JAS MERCHANT, J Owen	7	1	7	6	00	1	42	25	4 00	10 00	2	1	J Merchant, P		
	Line Creek	Scott	W A Hutson, F S Smith	19	1	5	7	1	00	65	30	5 00	7 00	2	1	J M Chambers, S		
	Pleasant Hill	Smith	J G H BAUGH, John Hughes	9	00	7	5	1	1	45	25	2 50	10 35	3	1	J G H Baugh & R T Gatewood		
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	Brandon	"	No Delegation.							40	15			1		No Supply.		
	Mt. Hill	Simpson	D L Kennedy	11	1	16	1	00	00	47	30	4 00	6 25	2		J G H Baugh, S		
	White Oak	Smith	D Miley	1	00	00	13	2	00	25	12	2 00	7 00	4	1	J G H Baugh, S		
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Since last annual meeting of the Association, fifteen Churches were dismissed, to organize and join new Association, with an aggregate of eight hundred and nineteen members.—Clerk.

**DEPOSITORY OF
BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS,**

Various Sizes and Bindings;

AND

**RELIGIOUS & MISCELLANEOUS
BOOKS,**

At Hillsboro.

J. M. CHAMBERS,

Agent.

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MOUNT NELSON CHURCH, (formerly Camp Ground,)

Saturday October 4th 1851.

At 11 o'clock A. M., the congregation assembled in the New Church House and were addressed by Elder R. T. Gatewood who delivered the Introductory Sermon founded upon the 15th and 16th verses, and 15th chapter of Mark.

The delegates at the request of the Moderator then repaired to the old church house to transact the business of the Association. The Moderator Elder N. L. Clarke introduced the business by praise and prayer.

Brethren John Moffatt and Joseph Chandler were appointed to preach to the congregation at the new house.

Brethren Wm. A. Hutson and A. C. Gunn, were appointed to read the letters from the churches and corresponding associations.

Brethren F. Floyd ch'n. I. Bailiff and J. M. Pace were appointed a financial committee.

Letters from twenty-one churches were received and read, delegates names enrolled and general statistics minuted. (See table of churches.)

Brethren A. Goss and G. H. Barrett acted as Tellers and the Association proceeded to elect a Moderator and Clerk. Elder N. L. Clarke was elected Moderator and J. M. Chambers, Clerk.

The Moderator upon taking his seat made some appropriate remarks.

The Rules of decorum were read, visiting brethren invited to seats with the Association.

An opportunity was then given for the admission of new churches, and the following being found orthodox and orderly were admitted in due form, viz: Fair Mount and Piney Grove, Jasper county. Shiloh Smith county.

Committee on Preaching, H. Greer Sr. ch'n. I. Mallory, Thos. Davis and W. A. Hutson.

Received correspondence from sister Associations as follows:
HARMONY.—Elders A. Goss and P. F. Morehead—J. J. S. Miles failed—Letters and no minutes.

LIBERTY.—Elder N. Slay, letter and minutes, Elder J. E. Scott his colleague failed.

PEARL RIVER.—Elders Joseph Chandler and G. H. Barret with letter and minutes.

EBENEZER.—Elders John Moffatt and James Johnson with letters and minutes.

The committee on preaching reported that the following brethren preach in the order of their names on Lord's day. G. H. Barret, N. Slay, A. Goss, and N. L. Clarke to conclude.

Arranged correspondence with sister Associations as follows:
To HARMONY, Elders R. T. Gatewood and J. M. Chambers, messengers, to convene at Jerusalem Church Scott county, on Saturday before the 4th Lord's day in September 1852.

To EBENEZER, Elders E. L. Carter and James Merchant messengers.

To LIBERTY, Elders L. P. Murrell and S. F. Wall, messengers to convene at Clear Creek church 10 miles east of Tompkinsville, on Saturday before the 3d Lord's day in September 1852.

To PEARL RIVER, Elders N. L. Clarke and I. Mallory messengers to convene with Bethany church Lawrence county on Saturday before the 2d Lord's day in September 1852.

Brethren R. T. Gatewood ch'n., W. A. Hutson and A. C. Gun committee to write letters of correspondence.

Committee on Arranging Business, L. P. Murrell ch'n., D. Killen, and D. Miley, with Moderator and Clerk.

On Documents and state of Religion, N. L. Clarke, ch'n., J. M. Chambers, S. F. Wall, B. Hawkins and I. Mallory.

On Queries and Requests, L. P. Murrell ch'n., N. Slay, A. Goss, H. Dunn and N. L. Clarke.

On Nominations, S. F. Wall, ch'n., Jas. Jones, W. A. Hutson, L. H. Wilkins and J. M. Pace.

Annual report of the missionary Board was read and laid on the table until 10 o'clock Monday.

Resolved, That a public collection be taken up at the close of

the 11 o'clock sermon in the Association.
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The brethren appear large and attentively served.—Clerk.

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the 11 o'clock sermon on Lord's day for missionary purposes with-
in the Association.

Resolved, That we adjourn to Monday 9 o'clock A. M. Pra y.
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LORD'S DAY.

The brethren appointed, preached the Gospel faithfully to a
large and attentive congregation, unusual good order was ob-
served.—*Clerk*.

MONDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Association met. Praise and Prayer by brother A. Goss.

The roll called, and the Rules of Decorum read.

The Committee on Business made their report and was approved.

The Committee to Write Letters of correspondence reported.—
Letters read and received.

The Committee on Documents and State of Religion, reported
and the same adopted. [See appendix A.]

The Committee on Queries and Requests, reported and was
adopted. [See appendix B.]

The Committee on Nominations reported and was adopted.

[See appendix C.]

The Annual Report of the Missionary Board was taken up, read
and adopted. [See appendix D.]

The Committee on Finance made a report and was adopted.

[See appendix E.]

Resolved, That the powers of the Association be amended, that
the Treasurer be elected at the same time that the Moderator
and Clerk are elected, and in the same manner.

Elder J. G. H. Baugh, was appointed to preach the next intro-
ductory sermon, and Elder S. F. Wall, alternate.

Bro. I. Mallory, was appointed Treasurer of the Association.

Resolved, That the privilege be granted to the Bible Society, to
append her proceedings to these minutes, the Society paying the
expense thereof.

Resolved, That we have recess for fifteen minutes to arrange
the union meetings.

1st District meeting, to be held with Hillsboro' Church, on Fri.
day before the 5th Lord's day in November.

2nd District, to be held with Rocky Creek Church, on Friday before the 5th Lord's day in February, 1852.

3rd District, to be held with Mt. Vernon Church, on Friday before the 5th Lord's day in May, 1852.

4th District, to be held with Shiloh Church, on Friday before the 5th Lord's day in August, 1852.

Resolved, That the next Session of this Association be held with Bethel Church, Newton County, 13 miles South West of Decatur, on Saturday before the 1st Lord's day in October, 1852.

Resolved, That the Clerk prepare these minutes for the press, and distribute the same to the Churches, and receive fifteen dollars for his services.

Resolved, That the usual vote of thanks be presented to this Church and congregation, for their liberality in sustaining this Association.

Resolved, That we proceed to the transaction of missionary business. Elder S. F. Wall, in the Chair.

Resolved, That our beloved Brother, Elder N. L. Clarke, be appointed as missionary for one half his time during the present Associational year, to preach the Gospel to the destitute, and that he be allowed the sum of one dollar and fifty cents per day. The service on Lord's day not to be considered.

Brother Clarke accepted the appointment, and made some impressive remarks upon the important work.

The Association united in a hymn and extended to him the right hand of fellowship as missionary. Bro. Goss led in prayer for the Divine blessing to attend his labors.

Resolved, That this Association affectionately recommend to the Churches composing the same, to hold prayer meetings generally, and on Sabbath mornings of regular meetings to especially remember the missionary cause of this Association.

Resolved, That the Association now adjourn. The Minutes were read and approved; the brethren united in singing, a throne of divine grace was addressed, and the Association adjourned in fellowship, harmony and love.

J. M. CHAMBERS, Clerk.

N. L. CLARKE, Moderator.

Table of Churches showing their Statistics, October 4th, 1851.

Churches.	Counties.	Delegates.	Post Office.	Baptized.	Restored.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total number.	Number of Minutes.	Contributions.		Time of Meeting.	Ministers		REMARKS.
												Associat'n.	Mission'ry.		Ordained.	Licensed.	
1st District.	Hillsboro.	Scott	J M CHAMBERS, R T GATEWOOD	Hillsboro	00	00	00	3	400	43	25	5 00	5 00	4	2	1	J M Chambers, P
	Friendship	Leake	Letter	Pensacola	1	00	8	1	100	26	18	3 00	4 45	3	1	1	Wm H Haisel, P
	Pleasant Hill	Newton	L P MURRELL, J M Pace	Hillsboro	00	2	00	3	1	57	25	6 00	12 60	1	1		L P Murrell, P
	Union	Scott	H Dunn	"	00	00	4	11	400	37	25	5 00	4 35	2		2	L P Murrell, S
	Sulph'r Springs	"	A C Gunn, Jno Purvis	County Line	3	00	2	3	500	25	15	3 00	2 10	3			R T Gatewood, P
	New Prospect	"	S F WALL, T Trigg	Pulaski	1	1	1	3	1	34	25	5 00	7 25	1	1		S F Wall & J M Chambers,
	Mt. Nelson	Neshoba	H Greer Sr., W N Spears	Philadelphus	2	00	2	4	200	73	50	6 00		1			T J Hand, S
	Decatur	Newton	N L CLARKE, J Bailiff	Decatur	1	00	10	4	100	36	20	5 00	14 15	1	1		N L Clarke, P
	Pinckney	"	H Gill	"	1	00	3	7	2	1	50	5 00	1 50	4			L P Murrell, S
	Rocky Creek	"	D Killen, B M Spangler	Union	22	00	4	14	100	60	35	5 00	10 50	3		1	N L Clarke, S
	Zion	Kemper	R Gibbons, T D Collins	Oaktribbeha	29	00	1	8	100	78	40	5 00	2 50	2			R Y Rasberry, S
	Poplar Springs	Newton	E L CARTER, E Price	Decatur	15	00	6	7	300	35	20	3 00	2 90	1	2		E L Carter, P
	Bethel	"	T Davis, J M Kelley	Garlandsvill	4	00	2	4	200	47	25	4 00	10 00	3			L P Murrell, S
	Mt Vernon	"	E West Thos Lard	"	4	00	4	13	200	48	20	2 00	4 70	4			R Y Rasberry, S
	Pine Ridge	"	W W Taylor, W Carter	Decatur	00	00	2	5	1	1	23	2 00	4 65	4		1	I Mallory, S
	Hopewell	Scott	J MALLORY, James Jones	Hillsboro	1	00	3	5	100	26	15	2 00		2	1		I Mallory, P
	Leaf River	Smith	F Floyd, L B Wilkins	Pineville	11	00	5	4	100	56	30	3 00	22 00	4			Missionary.
	Raleigh	"	Delegation failed.	Raleigh						40	20				1		J Merchant, P
	Fair Mount	Jasper	T C Camps	Garlandsvill						21	12	1 50	3 00			1	Missionary.
	Piney Grove	"	G W Waldrop	Paulding	4					18	15	1 50	10 50				Missionary.
	Line Creek	Scott	W A Hutson,	Green Bush	1	00	1	7	00	00	60	3 60	4 00	2		1	J M Chambers, S
	Pleasant Hill	Smith	Delegation failed.	Polkville						30	15			3	1		J G H Baugh, P
	Antioch	Rankin	Wm Watters	"	1	00	2	00	1	1	47	3 75	2 00	1			J G H Baugh, S
	Mt. Hill	Simpson	Letter.	Westville	10	1	3	00	00	00	60	6 00	8 20	2			J G H Baugh, S
	Brandon	Rankin	Delegation failed.							15							
	W. O. Creek	Smith	D Miley	Polkville	00	00	00	2	00	1	21	2 00	6 50	4		1	J G H Baugh, S
	Shiloh	"	B Hawkins	Raleigh	1					18	15	2 00	12 50	4			Missionary.
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Baptized by Missionary, not included in Churches, 16—Total Baptisms, 141

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LIST OF MINIS

WILLIAMSON,
R. T. GATEWOOD,
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J. M. CHAMBER,
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L. P. MURREL, "
J. M. CHAMBERS, "
I. MALLORY, "
S. F. WALL, "

Wm. H. HATSELL, Pensacola,
N. L. CLARKE, Decatur,
E. I. CARTER, "
JAMES MERCHANT, Raleigh,
J. G. H. BAUGH, Polkville.
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LICENTIATES.

Wm. B. BUTLER, Hillsboro',
D. KILLEN, Union.
WILEY WHITE, Ludlow.
D. MILEY, Polkville.
WILLIAMS, Garlandville.

M. C. THOMAS, Hillsboro',
JOHN H. BUTLER, "
EDWARD BEALL, "
Wm. A. HUTSON, Greenbush.
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APPENDIX A.

Report on Documents and the state of Religion.

After careful investigation, would report that the state of religion within our own bounds, and of the sister Associations with which we correspond, as gathered from the letters before us, is various. Whilst some speak of prosperity and ingathering, others complain of coldness and declension. We rejoice, however, that all our Churches have enjoyed preaching once a month.—Several have been engaged in erecting more commodious houses of worship, and in laudable efforts to advance the cause at home, and as is evidenced by their increased liberality in supporting a preached Gospel among themselves, as also to extend the Gospel to the destitute through missionary effort.

At no time have the Churches seemed so unanimous in contributions to missionary purposes. From the letters from sister Associations with whom we correspond, we learn that they are in the usual share of prosperity. Thus brethren we see that we have great reason to thank God and take courage.

Your committee in view of the great work before us, would exhort the Churches to faithfulness, that they be sound in faith, consistent in practice, bearing in mind that they are redeemed by the precious blood of Christ. Hence their obligation to live for him who died for them, that they be of one heart and mind in keeping the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace; rich in good works, sustaining their Pastors, rich in liberality, remembering that the liberal soul shall be made fat, and that our God shall

supply all your need. We think it proper to say to the Churches through the Association, that our present session has been peaceful, harmonious and profitable, liberally and comfortably sustained by the community and brethren with whom we have held our present session.

Respectfully submitted,

N. L. CLARKE, Chairman.

APPENDIX B.

Report of Committee on Queries and Requests.

Recommend that the request from Bethel Church for the Association to be held with them be granted.

1st Query from Rocky Creek Church. "Is it Gospel order to retain in fellowship persons engaged in trading in ardent spirits for the purpose of making money?"

Answer. It is the sense of this Association that it is not Gospel order to hold in fellowship members trading in and retailing ardent spirits, to be used and drank as a beverage.

2nd Query. From Line Creek Church. "Is it Gospel order to retain a brother and sister in Church fellowship, who separate as husband and wife and refuse to be reconciled to each other as christians?"

Answer. That in answer to the query from Line Creek Church it be given as the sense of this Association, that this question belongs to the Churches, and could not be answered without interfering with their internal privileges, but would recommend great tenderness and forbearance in cases involving domestic family matters.

L. P. MURRELL, Chairman.

[APPENDIX C.]

MISSIONARY BOARD.

S. F. WALL, Ch'n. J. M. CHAMBERS, Sec'y. I. MALLORY, Treas.,

1st District.

L. P. MURRELL,
R. T. GATEWOOD,

2nd District.

E. L. CARTER,
E. KENNEDY,
J. BAILIFF.

3rd District.

J. MERCHANT,
L. B. WILKINS,
W. W. TAYLOR.

4th District.

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[APPENDIX D.]

Annual Report of Missionary Board.

The Board would gratefully acknowledge the goodness of God in our preservation, and for his loving kindness to us and to the Churches composing your body.

Whilst the Lord's judgments have been sent upon our land in the form of severe drouth, in many places to the injury of the crops, and various grades of disease have prevailed in our Churches and congregations to a considerable extent, we would desire to humble low to these manifestations of divine displeasure, and trust they may be for our good as a people, and that we may learn the great important lesson of humility and obedience, as taught in the scriptures, and that we may remember as Churches and people, that the Lord chasteneth men and nations for their sins, and his church also.

Your missionary Elder, N. L. Clarke, has continued in the field during about one half his time the past year. His quarterly reports have been encouraging, shewing the steady progress of the work of the Lord in his hands, and has performed much labor, and has been faithful to the cause. He has labored 150 days in your service; delivered 150 sermons, numerous exhortations, and many discourses at the water side, visits for religious conversations, distributed some books, baptised 48 persons, received by letter 11, constituted 3 churches, ordained 3 deacons, and 1 minister, supplied 5 churches all or a part of the time, traveled 2638 miles. He has been occasionally assisted by other ministers, and reports considerable destitution.

We would recommend that you continue Bro. Clarke in the field for another year.

Respectfully submitted.

S. F. WALL, Chairman.

J. M. CHAMBERS, Secretary.

[APPENDIX E.]

Report of Financial Committee and Treasurer,

I Mallory, Treasurer in account with Mt. Pisgah Association—
Dr to Association Fund.

Oct. 7th 1850, To cash received from churches, \$67 47½

Public collection, 17 57½

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CREDIT.

Oct. 7th, 1850,	By cash paid N. L. Clarke, to	
	Liberty Association,	\$7 00
"	" J. Merchant, to Ebenezer,	2 00
"	" Clerk, for services,	15 00
"	For printing minutes,	30 00
March, 1851,	For postage on "	11 22½
Oct. 8, 1850,	J. D. Abney, to convention,	2 00
"	Bal. printing for 1849	6 00
"	J. D. Abney, to Eben. Asso,	5 00
"	R. T. Gatewood, to Choctaw,	7 00
	Balance on hand,	\$85 22½
		<u>\$19 82½</u>

I. MALLORY, Treasurer.

October 3rd, 1851.

I. Mallory, Treasurer—Dr to missionary fund.

Oct. 7, 1850,	To cash balance	\$2 53
"	To cash received from churches,	117 70
"	Public collection,	17 57½
"	Jane Thames,	5 00
March 9th, 1851,	Zion church,	17 50
"	Collection at Pinckney,	7 10
June 27,	Leaf River,	17 60
		<u>\$185 00½</u>

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Oct. 7th, 1850,	By cash paid N. L. Clarke,	
	missionary,	66 00
March 29th, 1851,	" " "	70 50
June 27,	" " "	48 20
		<u>\$185 00</u>

I. MALLORY, Treasurer.

We, the Committee on Finance have examined the Treasurer's account and the vouchers thereof, and find the same correct.—

We have received at this session for association purposes, from churches,

		\$89 35
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Received for missionary purposes from		
	churches,	155 35
	From public collection for missions,	29 95
Oct. 6th 1851,	From Zion church for 1850.	12 50
		<u>\$197 80</u>

Respectfully submitted,

F. FLOYD, Chairman.

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Oct. 3rd, 1850, To cash received from		
members,	\$19 40	
" " On hand as per report,	13 89	
1851, Received from sales Bibles and Test.	46 65	
" Amount due from sundry persons,	68 65	
" Given away to "	3 70	
" Bibles and Testaments on hand,		
Rated at selling prices,	72 75	
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March, 1851, By amount paid for bill, Bi-		
bles and Testaments,	68 76	
" Expense on same,	7 00	
" For printing,	5 00	
Oct. 3d, 1851, Due from sundry persons,	68 65	
" Given away,	3 70	
" Bibles and Testaments on hand,	72 75	
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	\$225 86	\$225 86

Balance due, J. M. C. 82

Mt. NELSON CHURCH, Oct. 6th, 1851.

The Mt. Pisgah Bible Society met this day, and the business introduced by praise, and prayer by Bro. E. L. Carter. The Secretary read his account current, was received and approved.

Several brethren became members of the Bible Society, and the Society appointed Elder L. P. Murrel, President, J. M. Chambers, Secretary. Managers, I Mallory, H. Dunn, Wm. R. Butler, R. T. Gatewood and S. F. Wall. A request from members of the Harmony Association, through Rev. A. Goss, and P. F. Moorehead, was presented, asking that an equitable division of the books and funds of this Society be given to them, which on motion was granted.

Resolved, That this Society request the privilege of appending these proceedings to minutes of the Association, this Society paying expense thereof.

Resolved, That Elder N. L. Clarke be appointed to preach the next annual sermon, and L. P. Murrel, his alternate.

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet at Bethel Church, Newton County, on Friday before the 1st Lord's day in October, 1852.

L. P. MURREL, Pres't.

J. M. CHAMBERS, Sec'y.

Annual Report of Board of Members of the Mt. Pisgah Bible Society; to the members and friends thereof.

Beloved Brethren:—The Bible cause is one of great importance to the children of men, and especially should it attract the prayerful attention of the christian. Through the medium of the scriptures, men's minds are taught divine truth. God's character is presented, salvation through a crucified and risen Savior, man's character and future destiny, and every thing in letter through the sacred oracles that should interest man in reference to a happy immortality. It is the incumbent duty of christians to engage in their distribution as well as their exalted privilege.

We have not engaged so extensively in circulating the scriptures as heretofore, from the fact that we failed to secure the active co-operation of efficient agents, which we regret.

Yours in Christ,

L. P. MURREL, Pres't.

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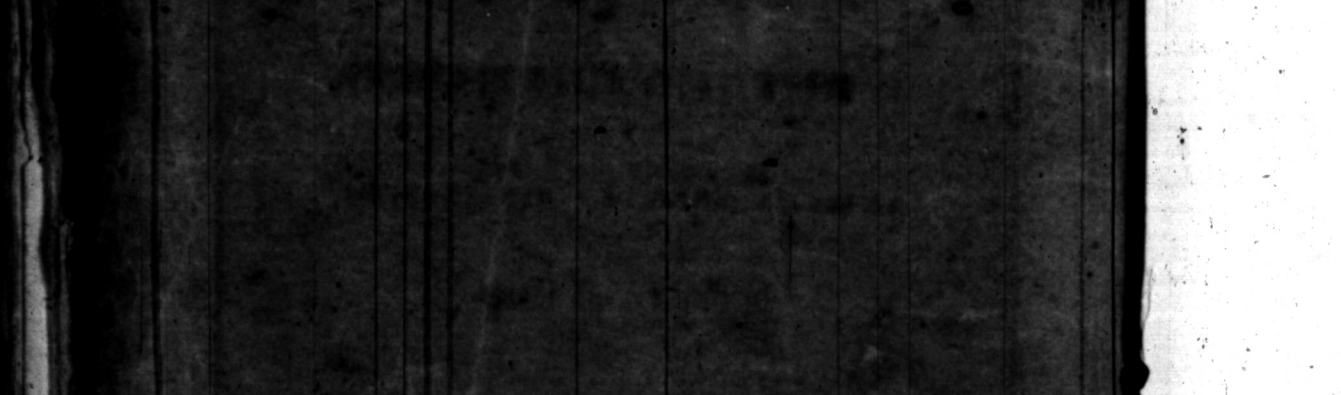
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BETHEL CHURCH, October 2, 1852.

At 11 o'clock A.M., Elder J. G. H. Baugh delivered the Annual Introductory Sermon, at the stand, to the delegates and a large congregation, founded upon 1st clause, 44th verse, 6th chapter of John.

The delegates, at the request of the Moderator, Elder N. L. Clarke, convened in the house, after a recess of fifteen minutes, who introduced the business by praise and prayer.

Brethren John Moffat and M. C. Thomas were appointed to preach at the stand.

Brethren E. L. Carter and R. T. Gatewood were appointed to read the letters from the churches and corresponding associations.

Brethren Thomas Williamson, chairman, J. Bailiff, and A. C. Gunn, were appointed a Financial Committee.

Letters were received and read from twenty-seven churches, delegates names enrolled, and general statistics minuted. (See table of churches.)

Brethren A. Eastland and J. Rushing acted as tellers, and the Association proceeded to elect a moderator, clerk, and treasurer. Elder N. L. Clarke, elected Moderator; J. M. Chambers, Clerk; and J. Mallory, Treasurer.

The Moderator made some interesting remarks in reference to the duties before the body.

The Rules of Decorum were read.

Visiting brethren invited to seats with the Association.

An opportunity was given for the admission of new churches, and the following being found orthodox and orderly, were admitted in due form:—

Beulah church, Newton county; Ebenezer church, Neshoba county—having some years ago gone down, was dropped from the list of churches, but was readmitted at this time.

Committee on Preaching.—Wm. L. McIntosh, chairman; John Alderman, Wm. Thomas, and Thos. J. Pace.

Received correspondence from sister associations, as follows:—

HARMONY.—Elder John Rushing; letter and minutes.

EBENEZER.—Elder John Moffat; letter and minutes.

PEARL RIVER.—No delegates; letter and minutes.

LIBERTY.—Correspondence failed until Monday, when Elder R. Y. Raspberry was received, with a letter.

Resolved, That we return correspondence to sister associations, as follows:—

TO EBENEZER.—Elders E. L. Carter, J. H. Butler, and J. Mallory.

TO PEARL RIVER.—Elders Jas. Merchant and J. G. H. Baugh.

TO HARMONY.—Elders S. F. Wall, R. T. Gatewood, and J. M. Chambers.

TO LIBERTY.—Elders N. L. Clarke, L. P. Murrell, and W. A. Hutson. Brethren R. T. Gatewood, chairman, W. A. Hutson, and W. J. Abbott, were appointed to write letters to sister associations.

The Committee on Preaching reported that the following brethren preach at the stand on Lord's day, in the order of their names: John Rushing and N. L. Clarke, in the forenoon—brother Clarke to deliver a Missionary Sermon; L. P. Murrell to preach in the afternoon, and J. M. Chambers to conclude.

Committee to Arrange Business.—Brother L. P. Murrell, chairman; J. Merchant, T. M. Prewett, with the Moderator and Clerk.

Committee on Documents and State of Religion.—Brother J. M. Chambers, chairman; N. L. Clarke, S. F. Wall, E. L. Carter, and M. Waldrop.

Committee on Queries and Requests.—Brother J. Merchant, chairman; John Rushing, John Moffat, J. G. H. Baugh, and W. H. Hatsel.

Committee on Nominations.—Brother W. L. McIntosh, chairman; E. G. Tullos, Jas. Jones, and John Smith.

The Annual Report of the Missionary Board was read, received, and, on motion, was laid on the table till 10 o'clock on Monday morning.

Resolved, That a public collection be taken up at the close of the Missionary Sermon on to-morrow, for Missionary purposes.

Resolved, That we adjourn to Monday at nine o'clock A.M.

Closed by singing and prayer, by brother Gatewood.

LORD'S DAY / OCTOBER 3, 1852.

The brethren appointed to preach addressed a large and attentive congregation, and at the close of the Missionary Sermon a collection of about thirty-two dollars was taken up for the Missionary cause.—*Clerk.*

MONDAY, NINE O'CLOCK A.M., OCTOBER 4, 1852.

The Association met. Praise and prayer by brother Moffat.

The roll of delegates called, and Rules of Decorum read.

The Committee on Business made their report, and was approved.

The Committee to Write Letters of Correspondence reported; letters read and approved.

The Committee on Documents and the State of Religion reported, and was adopted. [See Appendix A.]

The Committee on Queries and Requests reported; received, amended, and adopted. [See Appendix B.]

The Annual Report of the Board was called from the table; read and adopted. [See Appendix C.]

The Committee on Nominations reported, and was adopted. [See Appendix D.]

The Committee on Finance made their report; read and approved. [See Appendix E.]

Agreed to have a recess of fifteen minutes, to arrange the Union Meetings in the different Districts.

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2d District Meeting, to be held with Mount Nelson Church, Neshoba county, on Friday before the 5th Lord's day in January, 1853.

3d District Meeting, to be held with Fairmount Church, Jasper county on Friday before the 5th Lord's day in April, 1853.

4th District Meeting, to be held with Pleasant Hill Church, Smith county, on Friday before the 5th Lord's day in July, 1853.

Resolved, That the next Session of the Association be held with Line Creek Church, Scott county, on Saturday before the first Lord's day in October, A.D., 1853.

Resolved, That the Clerk prepare these minutes for the press, distribute the same to the churches, and receive fifteen dollars for his services.

Resolved, That the usual vote of thanks be presented to Bethel Church and congregation for their liberality in sustaining the Association.

Resolved, That we proceed to the transaction of Missionary business. Brother Gatewood acted as Moderator, *pro tem*.

Resolved, That our beloved brother, N. L. Clarke, be appointed Missionary for three-fourths of his time during the present Associational year, to preach the Gospel to the destitute, and that he be allowed the sum of one dollar and fifty cents per day—the service on Lord's day not to be considered.

Brother Clarke made some remarks, and accepted the appointment.

The Association united in a hymn, and extended to him the right hand of fellowship, as her Missionary. Brother Gatewood led in prayer for the Divine blessing to attend his labor of love.

Elder S. F. Wall was appointed to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Elder J. Mallory his alternate.

Resolved, That the Abstract of Faith and Gospel Order of this body be published with these minutes. [See Appendix F.]

Resolved, That the request of the Mount Pisgah Bible Society to have her proceedings appended to these minutes be granted—the Society paying the expense thereof. [See Appendix G.]

Resolved, That we now adjourn, to meet on Saturday before the 1st Lord's day in October, 1853, with Line Creek Church.

The Moderator made some appropriate closing remarks, sung a hymn, and the delegates extended to each other the right hand of fellowship. Thus closed an interesting and harmonious Session of the Association. Brother J. Rushing prayed.

N. L. CLARKE, Moderator.

J. M. CHAMBERS, Clerk.

NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

S. F. WALL, Hillsboro';	N. L. CLARKE, Decatur;
R. T. GATEWOOD, Do.;	E. L. CARTER, Garlandsville;
J. M. CHAMBERS, Do.;	JAMES MERCHANT, Raleigh;
W. H. HATSEL, Pensacola;	J. MALLORY, Homewood;
M. C. THOMAS, Hillsboro';	J. G. H. BAUGH, Polkville;
L. P. MURRELL, Do.;	W. A. HUTSON, Green Bush.

NAMES OF LICENTIATES.

JOHN H. BUTLER, Hillsboro'; — WILLIAMS, Garlandville;
 DAVID KILLEN, Union; J. H. GARY, Do.;
 W. J. ABBOTT, Herbert; D. MILEY, Polkville;
 SIMEON DAVIS, Garlandville; WILEY WHITE, Ludlow.

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APPENDIX A.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS AND THE STATE OF RELIGION.

After careful investigation of the facts before us, would report: That in the churches of our Association, as gathered from their letters, there is great cause for thankfulness to God. Although some churches complain of coldness and difficulties, yet there is general peace. The greater part of them have had some additions, and others enjoyed extensive revivals. There are evident marks of advancement. We would here refer to the interesting fact, that two churches of our body have not represented themselves for some years, and were considered as almost dead to us, are with us, by letters and delegates, informing us that they are in good condition, and have regular preaching. The churches have had regular preaching, with one or two exceptions. Some are building comfortable houses of worship, and in various ways are laboring to advance the cause. We are glad to see, and with pleasure notice, that there is an increased liberality in the work of Missions in our bounds. We rejoice that all our churches, with one exception, are represented at our present Session. Great harmony and love has characterized our Session.

Through the corresponding letters from sister Associations, we learn that they enjoy a usual share of prosperity.

But whilst we would rejoice at our present share of mercy and prosperity, yet we feel that we should strive to make our cause onward: That we should seek greater prosperity, gifts and graces, and through this medium would address the churches and exhort them to love and good works: By no means to forsake the assembling of themselves together: That they make every effort in their power to have regular preaching—yea, twice or three times per month; and when this cannot be the case, that they meet on Sabbaths for prayer, in prayer-meeting capacity. To cultivate peace with all men, especially among themselves: To keep themselves unspotted from the world: To live for each other: That they cultivate liberality to their pastors, or supplies, remembering that there is that scattereth and yet increaseth. Your Committee would, through your body, recommend increased liberality in sustaining religious periodicals published by our own denomination. Much useful information can be obtained from a good weekly religious paper; it costs but a trifle; and while referring to this matter, would state that there are various religious papers published in the South by our denomination, all or any of which are worthy of our support. We would, however, particularly name the following:—The South-Western Baptist, published at Marion, Alabama; the Tennessee Baptist, at Nashville; and the Western Recorder, at Louisville, Kentucky.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. CHAMBERS, *Chairman.*

TABLE OF CHURCHES, SHOWING THEIR STATISTICS, OCTOBER 2, 1852.

Districts.	Churches.	Counties.	Delegates.*	Post Office.	Date of Constitution of Churches.	Baptized.	Restored.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total Number.	Number of Ministers.	Contributions.		Time of Meeting.	Ministers.		REMARKS.
														Association.	Missionary.		Ordained.	Licensed.	
1st District.	Hillsboro',	Scott,	J. M. CHAMBERS, R. T. GATEWOOD.	Hillsboro',	1840	1						34	25	\$5 00	\$5 00	2-4	2		J. M. Chambers, P.,
	Friendship,	Leake,	W. H. HATSEL,	Pensacola,	1848	1						24	18	3 00	5 25	2	1	1	W. H. Hatsel, P.,
	Pleasant Hill,	Newton,	L. P. MURRELL, T. J. Pace,	Hillsboro',	1838	1	1					60	20	5 00	15 15	1	1		L. P. Murrell, P.,
	Union,	Scott,	M. C. THOMAS, J. H. Butler,	"	1847	6						41	20	4 00	6 50	2	1	1	M. C. Thomas, P.,
	Sulphur Springs,	"	W. Brewer, A. C. Gunn,	County Line,	1848		1					24	15	3 00	2 00	3			R. T. Gatewood, S.,
	New Prospect,	"	S. F. WALL,	Hillsboro',	1849	2	1					33	15	3 00		1	1		S. F. Wall, P.,
2d District.	Ebenezer.	Neshoba,	J. Grice.	Union.	1834	10		11				32	20	5 00	2 00	1			J. M. Chambers, S.
	Mount Nelson,	Neshoba,	J. Alderman, M. Mayo,	Philadelphia,	1842	11		7	8	1	1	82	40	7 05		1			T. J. Hand, S.,
	Bulah,	Newton,	W. Graham,	Decatur,	1850	3						23	15	3 00		4			Missionary,
	Decatur,	"	N. L. CLARKE, I. Bailiff,	"	1837							34	30	5 00	18 25	1	1		N. L. Clarke, P.,
	Pineknay,	"	H. Gill, B. B. Martin,	Union,	1847	3	1					35	20	3 00	2 00	4			L. P. Murrell, S.,
	Rocky Creek,	"	L. L. Viverett,	"	1842	6		10	12	2	3	58	35	4 00	5 55	3		1	N. L. Clarke, S.,
3d District.	Zion,	Kemper,	W. J. Abbot, T. M. Prewett,	Herbert,	1841	8		19	7			82	35	2 50	3 00	2		1	R. Y. Raspberry, S.,
	Poplar Springs.	Newton.	W. J. West, D. Overstreet.	Decatur.	1849		1					14	15	2 00		1			T. H. Bardrston, S.
	Bethel,	Newton,	W. L. McIntosh, T. Davies,	Garlandville,	1839			4	4	1		49	30	5 00	22 40	3			L. P. Murrell, S.,
	Mohnt Vernon,	"	Thomas B. Lard, J. Pearce,	"	1842	3	1	3	16	1		36	15	2 00	6 50	4		1	E. L. Carter, S.,
	Pine Ridge,	"	J. Hamilton, W. Carter,	Decatur,	1849	6		9		2		36	18	2 00	7 65	4			I. Mallory, S.,
	Hopewell,	Scott,	I. MALLORY, J. Jones,	Hillsboro',	1849	2		3	6			25	15	2 00		2	1		L. Mallory, P.,
4th District.	Leaf River,	Smith,	W. Warren, J. E. Myers,	Raleigh,	1849	3	1	2	3	2	2	54	30	3 00	7 50	3			I. Mallory, S.,
	Raleigh,	"	JAS. MERCHANT, J. Owen,	"	1849			1	8			30	25	3 00	5 05	2	1		J. Merchant, P.,
	Fair Mount,	Jasper,	E. L. CARTER, T. C. Camp,	Garlandville,	1851	18		29	7			53	30	3 25	11 25	2	1	2	E. L. Carter and Missionary,
	Piney Grove.	"	M. Waldrop.	Paulding.	1851	23		5	1	1	1	42	30	4 00	22 55	3			Missionary.
	Line Creek,	Scott,	W. H. HUTSON, W. C. Tibbs,	Green Bush,	1837	2	1					59	25	5 00	8 40	2	1		J. M. Chambers, S.,
	Pleasant Hill,	Smith,	J. G. H. BAUGH, J. Smith,	Polkville,	1847	1						19	15	2 00		3	1		J. G. H. Baugh, S.,
Persons baptized by Missionaries, not included in reports of Churches.	Antioch.	Rankin,	James Purvis, John Moore,	"	1832	1	1	1	4	1		43	15	3 00	1 50	1			J. G. H. Baugh, S.,
	Mount Hill,	Simpson,	No Delegation,	Westville,	1836	6						60	20						J. G. H. Baugh, S.,
	Brandon,	Rankin,	Thos. Williamson, W. Peacher.	Brandon,	1835			7			1	43	25	5 00		2-4			H. D. F. Roberts, S.,
	W. O. Creek,	Smith,	S. Tello,	Polkville,	1840			1			1	25	15	2 50	4 50	4		1	O. Miley,
	Shiloh.	"	E. G. Tullos, W. Thomas.	"	1851			0				23	25	3 00	5 50	4			J. Merchant, S.
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APPENDIX B.

The Committee on Queries and Requests beg leave to report:—

1st, Would recommend that the requests from Shiloh and Line Creek Churches, for the Association to be held with them, be submitted to the delegation of said district.

2d, That the request from Piney Grove Church to have the Abstract of Faith and Gospel Order of the Association published in the minutes, be granted.

QUERY FROM BETHEL CHURCH.

Are members of Baptist churches, in their duty, to hold their letters of dismission when in reach of churches of the same family; and are churches granting such letters, in their duty, to take no notice of such?

ANSWER.

It is the sense of this Association that the churches are the only competent judges in such cases. Yet, while we regard this as the right of the churches, we think it possible for churches to be too indifferent in such matters, and would exhort and advise the churches to strictness in discipline, that order may be maintained.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES MERCHANT, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX C.

ANNUAL REPORT OF MISSIONARY BOARD.

BETHEL CHURCH, *October 1, 1852.*

The Board of Missions would again acknowledge the goodness of God in guiding us safely through the duties and trials of another year, and permitting us to meet in another Annual Meeting.

Brother Clarke, your Missionary, has been actively engaged in your service during the past year. His quarterly reports to the Board have been truly encouraging.

He has devoted 171 days in your employ; delivered 186 sermons, besides many exhortations to the sinner and discourses at the water side; baptised 63 persons; received 31 members, by letter; ordained one deacon; made many visits for religious conversation, and travelled 2960 miles.

He has sustained the relation of supply, as Missionary, to four churches, all or a part of the time; and has laboured in seven different counties, more or less; has visited 14 points in his labors of love.

Thus, beloved brethren, we have presented a synopsis of his labors; and from it are much encouraged to recommend to your body to continue in this delightful work of the Lord. We feel assured that when you examine into the amount of labor that has been performed, and the great good that has been effected, that you will be encouraged, and thank the good Lord for his mercies and grace.

In view of the destitution still prevailing, we would suggest that you continue brother Clarke in the field for another year, and that he be requested to devote three-fourths of his time as Missionary.

Brethren, let us entreat you not to abandon this work until every destitution shall be supplied with a preached Gospel.

Let us double our diligence in the service of the Lord, and humbly pray him to continue his blessings in every department of labor that has devolved upon us as Christians.

May the Lord be with you for ever: Amen.

Respectfully submitted.

S. F. WALL, *Chairman.*

J. M. CHAMBERS, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX D.

MISSIONARY BOARD.

S. F. WALL, CHAIRMAN; J. M. CHAMBERS, SECRETARY;
I. MALLORY, TREASURER.

1st District.

L. P. MURRELL,
R. T. GATEWOOD.

2d District.

J. BAILIFF,
E. KENNEDY,
D. KILLER.

3d District.

JAS. MERCHANT,
E. L. CARTER,
B. F. KENNEDY.

4th District.

W. A. HUTSON,
JOHN SMITH,
WM. COX.

Respectfully submitted:

WM. L. MCINTOSH, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX E.

REPORT OF FINANCIAL COMMITTEE AND TREASURER.

ACCOUNT CURRENT.

I. Mallory, Treasurer, in account current with Mount Pisgah Association.—Dr. to Association Fund.

October 3, 1851—To cash balance on hand,	\$19 82½
" 6, " " received from churches,	89 35
Aug. 28, 1852—To cash received from Raleigh Church,	3 00
	<u>\$112 17½</u>

CREDIT.

October 6, 1851—By cash paid N. L. Clarke, to Liberty Association,	\$6 00
" 9, " By cash paid J. M. Chambers, to Harmony Association,	3 00
" 9, " By cash paid Clerk, for services,	15 00
" 9, " By cash paid for printing and distributing minutes,	24 00
Aug. 28, 1852—By cash paid Jas. Merchant, to Ebenezer Association,	5 00
Sept. 15, " By cash paid I. Mallory, to Pearl River Association,	8 00
October 1, " By cash paid L. P. Murrell, to Liberty Association,	8 00
" 1, " By cash paid J. M. Chambers, to Harmony Association,	4 50
	<u>\$83 50</u>

October 1, 1852—Balance of cash on hand, \$28 67½

I. MALLORY, *Treasurer.*

APPENDIX G.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MOUNT PISGAH BIBLE SOCIETY.

BETHEL CHURCH, *October 4, 1852.*

The Mount Pisgah Bible Society met this day—Elder L. P. Murrell, President, and J. M. Chambers, Secretary—and a number of members present, in recess of the Association, who renewed their membership, and the sum of nine dollars and ninety-five cents was received from members. The Depository Agent presented his account current, which was received and adopted, and ordered to be printed.

The Society appointed the following officers:—L. P. Murrell, President; J. M. Chambers, Secretary and Agent. Managers—Elders R. T. Gatewood, S. F. Wall, I. Mallory, E. L. Carter, and brother Wm. L. McIntosh.

Resolved, That the Agent be instructed to invest such funds as may be on hand in such Bibles and Testaments as may be wanted, and that he forward a supply to Elder N. L. Clarke, near Decatur, for distribution.

Resolved, That we ask the privilege of the Association to append these minutes to their minutes.

Resolved, That we adjourn, to meet with Line Creek Church, on Friday before the first Lord's day in October, 1853.

L. P. MURRELL, *President.*

J. M. CHAMBERS, *Secretary.*

J. M. Chambers, in account with the Mount Pisgah Bible Society, from October 3, 1851, to October 1, 1852.

October 3, 1851—	To cash received from members,	\$7 40
October 1, 1852—	To cash received from sale of Bibles and Testaments,	15 00
"	To cash received from collection of old debts,	25 00
"	To amount received from Bibles and Testaments given away,	1 67
"	To amount received from Bibles and Testaments sold heretofore, on credit, which cannot be collected,	12 00
"	To amount due from sundry persons,	31 63
"	To amount received from Bibles and Testaments delivered to Rev. A. Goss, Agent of the Harmony Association, as per order of your Society,	36 37
"	To amount of Bibles and Testaments on hand in Depository, rated at selling prices,	19 70
		\$148 79

CREDIT.

November 5, 1851—	By cash for printing,	\$5 00
"	By cash due to me at last report,	82
Sept. 28, 1852—	By cash paid W. W. Eley, Treasurer of Harmony Association, at per order of this Society, October, 1851,	20 00

Let us double our diligence in the service of the Lord, and humbly pray him to continue his blessings in every department of labor that has devolved upon us as Christians.

		fore, and which cannot be collected,	23 30
October 1, 1851—	By amount due from sundry persons,	-	31 65
"	By amount due for Bibles and Testaments given away,	-	1 67
October 1, 1852—	By amount of Bibles and Testaments on hand, rated at selling prices,	-	19 70
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October 1, 1852—	Amount of cash on hand,	-	\$21 58
		J. M. CHAMBERS, Agent.	

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W. H. CHAMBERS, Agent.

MINUTES
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SEPTEMBER 28th AND OCTOBER 2d, 1854.

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